



Summary Report of the Discovery College School Council Tuesday 9 April 2019

Present: Simon Wong, Maggie Hinch, Stewart Redden, Mark Beach, Amy Freed, Kevin Rydeard, Pushkar Sane

In attendance: Pat Romano (DC Business Manager), Monica Ling (PA to Principal)

Apologies: Chris Geary, Kitty Cheng, Jennifer Ho, Jason Edwards, Susie Morley

1. Finance and Property sub-committee

The P&L accounts as at 31 January 2019 were approved.

The draft 2019-20 budget was accepted. The School Council has worked closely with ESF in order to utilise the Scholarship Fund in order to lower projected school fee increases from 6% to 5.8% for the 2019-20 academic year. The college is predicted to achieve another balanced budget for next year.

The 2019 No Boundaries trips were approved by the sub-committee.

2. Student Wellbeing sub-committee

Student participation data shows an increase in participation.

Overall, DC students scored above ESF and world averages in literature and mathematics in the ISA assessment (October 2018).

3. Staff Wellbeing sub-committee

At the sub-committee meeting, James Smith (Head of Secondary) and Chris Barr (Head of Primary) presented an update on the staffing initiatives for this current school year, which have shown a positive impact on student learning and teaching across the school.

Teacher recruitment – there are two more teaching roles to be filled in Secondary. Welcome bags for new teachers arriving in August are being sorted.

4. Principal's Report

Enrollment numbers for 2018-19 are slightly down on our budget figures but with no % difference since the January meeting.

The Head of Secondary position is being advertised with a flexible start date up to and including August 2020. A number of options are being looked at including an interim appointment for the 2019-20 academic year.

A summary report of our CIS/WASC Accreditation and IB Evaluation Reports was shared with the school community through last week's Explorer. The summary conveys the major findings of the reports as well as many of the superlative comments that the visiting team made.

5. Any Other Business

None